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At a suburban underpass, pedestrians wade through ankle-deep water, or risk lives attempting to cross national highway, all year

SUBWAY OR THE HIGHWAY

Underpass in Neraluru gram panchayat 30 km from city

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Subways or underpasses constructed along the national or state highways are meant to help pedestrians reach the other side of the road with considerable ease.

However, a subway constructed along national highway 44 near Yadavanahalli, 30 km away from Bengaluru, is not serving the purpose for which it was constructed.

With water seepage occurring throughout the year, thousands of people from Yadavanahalli are compelled to wade through ankle-deep water or risk their lives by attempting to cross the national highway through a small opening adjacent to an electric pole installed on the road divider.

"I have appealed to the elected representatives to pressurise the National Highway Authority of India to construct a skywalk for the benefit of thousands of people in Yadavanahalli who want to board a bus to commute towards Attibele and other areas. Water seepage at the subway has become a nuisance for the pedestrians," said Kumaraswamy, a resident of Yadavanahalli.

Many pedestrians consider using the subway after the sunset as risky.

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"We want elected representatives to direct NHAI to keep subway in good condition or construct a skywalk...

— Resident citizen

A Fare Game

'In east division alone, over 500 complaints recorded against auto drivers in two days'

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After the app-based cab aggregators slashed fares by as much as 50% for auto-rickshaw services, complaints have now started piling up against the auto drivers in the city for overcharging.

Traffic police officials told Bangalore Mirror that in the east division alone, more than 500 complaints were recorded against the auto drivers in just two days. "Most of these complaints are against regular auto rickshaw drivers, not the Ola, Uber or Rapid autos. There are complaints about the drivers being hostile or refusing to go altogether. They also ask passengers for very high fares and refuse to go by the meter," said deputy commissioner of police (traffic-east) Kala Krishnaswamy.

Recently, as complaints increased, the authorities started special drives against the auto drivers in the city. "For two days, we undertook intensive drives to keep the issue in check. We have been seizing auto-rickshaws. Apart from that, we are conducting educational programmes for auto drivers. We book autos regularly; but now we have been doing more vigorous and focused drives to tackle this issue in the city," the DCP told BM.

Meanwhile, commuters BM spoke to said they have also started opting for app-based auto services since the prices have been slashed.

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Halloween horror

Check out SOCIAL's House of Horror at Indiranagar SOCIAL. This is a Halloween-special two-room party. Room 1 will have Rishi Sippy, G.S.T, Skye, and They've while Room 2 will have Chaz, Delika & Klenxch. Genres include House and Techno. **Where: Indiranagar Social**
When: Oct 29, 8 pm onwards; Tickets: Insider.in

02 Spooky flicks

The spookiest day of the year is here and Hotel Royal Orchid Bangalore has the perfect pre-Halloween eve organised for you. The property in collaboration with Sunset Cinema Club is hosting a movie screening night. The open-air screening of the film 'Zombieland' will guarantee to raise the terror quotient of the night making one huddle up. The set up will have food stalls and beverages for one to indulge in whilst the chills run down their spine. **Where: Hotel Royal Orchid**
When: Oct 30, 7:00 pm; Contact: 9902000118

03 Theatre for the soul

The Madras Players and Chennai Art Theatre present "Dear Omana: Notes On how to be a Literary Sensation". It's a play by Krishna Shastri Devulapalli, adapted and directed by Nikhila Kesavan. Dear Omana unfolds as letters exchanged between a struggling writer, Krishna Shastri Devulapalli, and a bestselling author, Omana Banerjee. A tale of passion, revenge and sales returns, Dear Omana is for anyone who ever wanted notes on how to be a literary sensation.
Where: Ranga Shankara
When: October 30, at 3.30 pm and 7.30 pm
Tickets: bookmyshow.com

Despite court order, no relief for nursery

TNSCL's gate at Lalbagh continues to be locked; staffers say will keep protesting

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Employees of the Nurserymen Cooperative Society Limited seen waiting on Friday for the Horticulture Department officials to open the gate

It was a moment of relief for the Nurserymen Cooperative Society Limited (TNCSL), but a moment that was short-lived. After the Karnataka High Court passed a stay order on the Horticulture Department's decision to close the nursery maintained by TNCSL, they thought it was an end to their troubles. They arrived at Lalbagh, where the nursery exists, only to met by a lock on the gate.

After waiting till 5 pm in front of the nursery, they approached Siddapura police seeking intervention in this matter. The Horticulture Department locked the gate last week. The employees turned up last Saturday, Sunday and Monday expecting the department to open the nursery gate but in vain.

"The operation, execution of all the further proceedings taken pursuant to the order dated 18.10.2022, shall remain stayed, till the next date of hearing. The petitions are permitted to run their business in the premises, subject to the result of the petition," Justice M Nagaprasanna said in the order passed on Thursday, after hearing the petition filed by Govind (represented by advocate Harish S).

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Abrupt closure of decades-old cooperative nursery at Lalbagh by horticulture dept risks future of over 350 dependent nurseries, livelihoods of 2,000 people
KA-BLOOM!
40 employees of TNCSL-run nursery in shock

Our story on October 25 covered how many livelihoods were disrupted after the department closed it

The senior counsel, arguing on behalf of the petitioners, stated that petitioners are in possession of a nursery in the subject land for the last 25 years and have now received an order dated 18.10.2022, which has come as a bolt from the blue, as the petitioners were never notified or made aware that they would be evicted from the premises, after about 23 years, as they are in the said premises since 1990.

It is believed the next tentative date for hearing the petition is January 7, 2023.

Meanwhile, employees were disappointed with Siddapura police when they expressed their helplessness in this matter. "Our employees have handed over the High Court order to the authorities concerned but they did not turn up to open the lock. All of us have to go home disappointed. We will come on Saturday," said Govindu, vice president of the Nurserymen Cooperative Society Limited.

On October 25, Bangalore Mirror published the story – KA-BLOOM – narrating how abrupt closure of decades-old cooperative nursery at Lalbagh by the horticulture department risks the future of 350 dependent nurseries, livelihoods of 2,000 people.

Closure of the nursery maintained by TNCSL will affect the livelihoods of hundreds of people and hit revenue that is lakhs.

A year on, his act continues to inspire

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Ever since the late Puneeth Rajkumar's eyes were donated, there has been a boom in eye donation pledges in the last one year in Bengaluru, say ophthalmologists.

Dr Bhujang Shetty, Chairman of Narayana Nethralaya said, "From 1994-2021, we received 65,000 eye pledges, but in the one year since Appu's demise, we have received over 85,000 eye pledges. After his final act, it's gone back to pre-covid days. In the last one year alone, we have collected over 2,000 corneas. This is what we call the Appu effect."

According to statistics from Jeevanasarthakate website, a total of 1,108 corneas have been donated since 2007 in the state. The cornea donation had hit a new low in 2020 (Covid year) when only 52 were donated. In 2021, it slightly went up to 66. However, after Puneeth's death, it has reached 176 in 2022 till date.

Doctors said that eye donation is very important as even a single eye can give sight to many people. For example, Puneeth's two eyes had given eyesight to four people. Each of Puneeth's eyes was used to treat two patients by separating the superior and deeper layers of the cornea. The superior layer was transplanted to two patients who had superficial corneal disease and only the deeper layer was transplanted to patients with endothelial or deep corneal layer disease.

> **"Since Appu's demise, we have received over 85,000 eye pledges**
> – Dr Bhujang Shetty, Chairman of Narayana Nethralaya

Earlier, Puneeth's father and legendary actor Dr Rajkumar had donated his eyes and then his mother Parvathamma's eyes were donated in 2017. From February 2020 to September 2021 the pledges were reduced by 70 per cent.

Most of the eye hospitals in the state are also witnessing double the rate of eye donation and pledges. NGOs also register the highest pledges. There is another positive development in which, the blood relatives of the dead persons are voluntarily permitting eye donation. In a top hospital, there were around 90 eyes per month available as donations. An ophthalmologist said, "The pledging has drastically increased. This will definitely light the lives of many visually impaired people."

Record visitors at Appu Samadhi

The Outer Ring Road (near Kanteerava studio) has turned into a landmark as it houses samadhis of Dr Rajkumar, Parvathamma Rajkumar, Ambareesh and Puneeth.

For the last one year, Appu's samadhi has been drawing a huge crowd. Sources said that earlier around three to four thousand people would visit the place a day. However, since Appu's death, there are days when 10,000 to 12,000 people visit each day.

On the chopping board

2 public notices in 1 day seeks nod to axe around 1,000 trees; experts urge restraint over gleeful tree-cutting

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Environmentalists and ecologists in the city have raised concerns about the indiscriminate felling of trees in the name of infrastructure development and construction activities. This after the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) recently published two public notices in one day seeking permission to chop up around 1,000 trees.

While the first notice was from the South Western Railway for the removal of 253 trees standing on the premise of Yeshwantpur Railway station for their redevelopment work, the second notice on the same day was from the Karnataka Road Development Corporation Ltd for the removal of 736 trees standing along the stretch of 5.68 km from Gunjur to Belathoor Bridge for a road widening and improvement project.

"It only shows the speed at which we are sacrificing our green cover. It is terrible that we are cutting down trees ruthlessly while being fully aware of the current climate change scenario," said an eminent environmentalist.

Experts say the continuous assault on the city's green cover will stop only if the current process of approvals undergoes modification.

"All the upcoming road widening, underpass, flyovers and other infrastructure development projects need to be reconsidered as they will not be able to solve traffic congestion problems. Moreover, the authorities should conduct widespread consultation sessions with experts on these projects before putting out a public notice. As far as the construction projects at railway stations are concerned, there should be scope to construct without felling down too many trees and it should be thoroughly considered. Unless these projects and activities are fully justified, they should be dropped," said Dattatreya Devare, trustee of Bangalore Environment Trust, whose public interest litigation led to the setting up of the Tree Expert Committee (TEC) by Karnataka High Court.

> **"The members of TEC should observe and study every tree and its canopy scientifically and compare it with road or railway track alignment**

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Series of public notices proclaiming axing of 3,000-odd trees in short span draw scathing critique from citizenry

AUTUMN-WINTER FALL COLLECTION

'Trees should be integrated into infra design'

BM has been keeping an eye on the public notices issued about cutting hundreds of trees, for this project or that

Experts also raised concerns about the way TEC has been reviewing objections raised by the public in response to the notices.

"The members of TEC should observe and study every tree and its canopy scientifically and compare it with road or railway track alignment. They must look at the concept of infrastructure and tree canopy manipulation and remark on each tree. Instead, they are allowing indiscriminate cutting," said Dr AN Yellapa Reddy, a city-based environmentalist.

Experts say TEC must recall the idea behind its formulation to examine applications seeking permission to fell trees for infra projects.

"The public should be given details on the technical reasons behind felling down trees for any infrastructure or development project. Democratisation of decision-making and fair evaluation of public suggestions was the essence of the court's order directing the formulation of TEC. However, none of it is being followed," said another activist.

According to Dr Reddy, the time to submit objections to public notices put up by the BBMP seeking approval to axe trees must also be extended. The ten-day notice period is not justified.

"This period should be increased to at least a month. The public can raise objections only after they go to the spot and study every tree demarcated to face the axe. Performing this task over one weekend and at such short notice is too much to ask. It is essentially volunteer work and thus the time frame must include a minimum of three to four weekends for a good number of objections to be raised," said Dr Reddy.

IN BRIEF

'Only a game of skill'

The High Court of Karnataka has said that if it is proved that the same games which have already been decided as 'game of skill' by the courts, the Rs 21,000 crore tax notice on an online gaming company will go nowhere.

The intimation notice of Rs 21,000 crore by the Directorate General of Goods and Services Tax (GST) Intelligence on the Karnataka-based online gaming platform Gameskraft, has been challenged before the High Court by the company.

The September 8 notice sought to impose 28 per cent GST on the company's transactions. The company, in its submission before the HC bench of Justice SR Krishna Kumar, on Thursday argued that the platform only conducts 'games of skill' and not 'games of chance.'

The game of Rummy, which has been held to be a 'game of skill,' by several high courts and Supreme Court constituted 96 per cent of the games played on the online platform. Senior Counsel Abishek Manu Singhvi made the submissions on behalf of the company.

He also submitted that in an earlier case between All India Gaming Federation and State of Karnataka, the very games on the platform were held to be 'game of skill,' by the court. It was also submitted that the platform has already paid Rs 1,500 crore in taxes. **PTI**

Cricket bets: 18 arrested

As many as 18 persons were arrested for alleged cricket betting, said police on Friday.

The arrests were made in Bengaluru. The police also informed that the officials recovered cash amounting to Rs 4,68,200 from the accused. A total of 17 mobile phones were also seized by police. Further investigations are underway. Earlier in September, the Central Crime Branch (CCB) arrested a 35-year-old man for alleged betting on an India vs Australia T20 match. impose 28 per cent GST on the company's transactions. **ANI**

Moo good to be true: Peripatetic cow comes home

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A missing cow was reunited with her owner by residents of Rustambagh ending an agonising five-day search. The philanthropic residents were in awe when they came to know that this uninvited and unexpected guest had strayed into their locality after walking more than 15 km from Kothanur in north Bengaluru.

"On my way back home on Tuesday, I noticed a cow in our locality, looking lost. My friend, who is also my teammate, happened to notice it too. She took photos of the cow as well as its ear tag and posted it on our locality group. I then called the Animal Welfare Helpline and informed them about the situation. I even shared the photos and the location of the cow," said Poornima Shetty, president of Rustambagh Association for Welfare.

Shetty said that she got a call back from the department real quick, informing her that they have contacted the owners about the cow being spotted. "A girl called me and told me that she was the owner of the cow and it was missing from Kothanur (near Hennur), about 16 km away from my locality. She said that she would send her parents to pick the cow, they had been missing for the past five days and were looking all around for it," she said.

According to her, the girl's parents came to Rustumbagh later during the day, and took the cow back to its rightful home. "The girl was elated and grateful, and thanked me profusely. She was confused how the cow could have reached here, so far away from home. They were thrilled to have finally found the lost cow, thanks to the RFID ear tag, the Animal Welfare Department and Anjali of Team RAW for helping us in this rescue," she said.

This cow had strayed off from Kothanur and reached Rustambagh

Anjali told BM that she fed the cow fruits and chapatis and gave it water. "We fed the cow for one-and-half days. I am happy to see it be restored to its owners," said Anjali.

Thanuja, the cow's owner, told BM over the phone that her mother and brother had been looking for the animal in and around Kothanur.

"The cow did not return home on Saturday evening. My mother and brother thought that it would be in Kothanur and it can't stray into other places. We were shocked to see the cow did not return home on Sunday morning. We felt very happy when we received a phone call from the animal welfare office about the cow," said Thanuja.

Game changer expressway to grace Nelamangala

This 10-lane expressway is projected to be 44.04 km in length, will cost Rs 844 crore

Work is on to widen the existing Nelamangala-Tumakuru national highway from the current four-lane to a 10-lane expressway (44.04 km) at a cost of Rs 844 crore. The project is set to be completed in three years and will give a big boost to the Sompura industrial area, improving connectivity to the Kempegowda International Airport as well. It is a part of the larger Bharatmala project.

Currently, the Sompura industrial area houses more than 500 industries. There is also a proposal to construct a retaining wall on either side of the structure to prevent accidents. The project will include 17 flyovers and railway overbridges. It will also be a green highway as 600 saplings will be planted along the highway. The project, along with the Bengaluru Satellite Ring Road plan, will be a boost to Nelamangala, Doddaballapur, and Devanahalli satellite towns of Bengaluru. Many property buyers are now eyeing areas in and around Nelamangala. Reaching the area has also become easier now due to construction of the expressway. This six-lane access-controlled road, along with the four-lane toll free service road, has made travel between Nelamangala and other parts of the city smoother. As a result, many are now shifting towards the area and its suburbs like Sondekoppa Road.

The second advantage is the metro network. Currently, the network ends at Nagasandra, but phase two of the network is being extended to BIEC. The third advantage is that Nelamangala is blessed with multiple connecting roads: Hassan Road, Tumakuru Road, Airport Road (via Madhure), NICE Road. This is helping people relocate to Nelamangala as they can travel to various parts of Bengaluru and beyond without getting stuck in traffic. Many citizens staying in the heart of Bengaluru are preferring to relocate to Nelamangala as they can build comfortable houses and de-stress from the bustling city life. There are also a number of industries located in and around the area. This is resulting in not just a realty boom but also an employment boom.

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What you need to do before you begin construction on your plot

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Buying a plot of land is probably the easiest move in owning property. Of course, it involves a lot more work if you plan to build your home on it. And we're not talking about the actual construction but laying the perfect ground for it. One of the first steps, and a crucial one at that, is surveying your land to measure if it's ideal as a location for your home.

WHY SHOULD YOUR LAND BE SURVEYED?

When you buy a plot of land to construct a house in future, chances are it is not clearly demarcated by any boundaries. If there is no clarity on which parts of the plot belong to you and which areas belong to your neighbour, this can cause friction with your neighbours in future. It's wise, therefore, to hire a qualified land surveyor to measure your land and mark the borders to give a clear picture of the location for your home.

HOW IS IT DONE?

Land surveying is conducted by professional surveyors whose job is to accurately measure and demarcate the boundaries of your plot. Once the borders are measured, they will zero in on marking the exact spot where your house will be built. It's important for the land surveyor to get the measurements right to prevent any violations or legal issues.

AFTER THE SURVEY

Have you noticed officials often peering through a tiny instrument mounted on a tripod placed in the middle of the road? This instrument is known as the theodolite and is used to measure vertical and horizontal planes on land.

As soon as the survey of the land is conducted, the surveyor drafts a report on the findings that include pertinent topographical information about the site. If the land surveyor spots any flaws in the plot, they will have to be rectified before the foundation to your home is laid.

STAKING THE SITE

This is the part where your builder and land surveyor discuss the site of the house construction. At this juncture, your builder would have your house building plan ready

Once the process of the land survey is completed, it's the builder's turn to demarcate the boundaries of the house and other areas based on the report presented by the land surveyor.

The surveyor makes it easy for the builder to comply with the building plan in the area by taking into account the easement rights, building set-offs, approach roads, etc.

A land survey will help you deal with any issues leading to delays in the process or hindrances to opportunities for a successful arrangement.

Whether it's a commercial or residential property, land surveys are an essential part of real estate transactions.

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Chunchaghatta Lake grasping at straws

Despite being rejuvenated few years ago, this lake is still seeing sewage entry

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Issues such as plastic waste, bund littered with garbage, and untreated water entering the Chunchaghatta Lake in south Bengaluru have raised concern among locals and experts about the water body's health. The 18-acre lake was rejuvenated a couple of years ago by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) at a cost of Rs 2.7 crore.

Lake activists say that a lack of maintenance and entry of sewage into the water might undo the improvement.

"Recent rain spells have brought in untreated water and a considerable amount of plastic and other garbage into the lake. The water body does not have a diversion channel either. All the water enters the wetland, and after a rise in the levels, it reaches the larger water body," said Raghavendra B Pachhapur, a lake activist.

According to the experts, the lake has a history of 45 bird species visiting it, including four near-threatened species (Oriental Darter, Spot-billed Pelican, Black-headed Ibis, and Painted Storks).

However, the rich biodiversity is threatened by temporary solutions and quick fixes provided by the authorities in the past.

"We recently conducted a plogging activity at the lake and collected 14 bags of trash, including liquor bottles and plastic waste. Chunchaghatta has started to stink in certain areas. This indicates that sewage is entering the lake. We have raised this issue with BBMP multiple times in the past, but they send a team from Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) that comes up with temporary fixes. The sewage entry has to be stopped permanently to ensure that the water body survives," said Nagraj, locally popular as 'Plogaja'.

This is the condition of the Chunchaghatta lake bund – littered with plastic; it was rejuvenated for Rs 2.7 crore in the recent past

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> –Nagraj, activist

Residents in the area say that while sewage entering the water body through stormwater and catch drains has been arrested by BBMP and BWSSB over the past year, the lake still needs attention as its water quality has been deteriorating rapidly.

"After the locals raised complaints, a few notices were sent to the nearby residential apartments by BWSSB and BBMP and some work on underground drainage was also conducted. However, there has been a rise in the total coliform bacteria in the lake, which has led to an increase in the BOD levels. Water quality also turned to Category E, as per the water quality report by Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB). I have noticed fish gasping for air many times," added Pacchhapur.

Activists also complain that although the lake was cleaned recently, the harvested plants, plastic trash, and other garbage fished out of the water body were left unattended on the bund for a long time, and had flown back into the lake.

"More garbage and organic matter entering the lake has led to decomposition, which has increased the BOD level, reducing oxygen levels in the lake. The area around the lake has also been shaved off in the name of maintenance. BBMP should engage with contractors and educate them on water quality and lake ecosystems first," said a local.

Cop's death sparks political drama

JD(S) puts state government in firing line over police inspector's death

Former Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy from JD(S) has questioned the ruling BJP in Karnataka over the death of a police inspector, alleging that political pressure led to him getting a heart attack.

Speaking to reporters on Friday, Kumaraswamy stated that a tragic incident had taken place in the state. "One of the police officers suffered a heart attack and died. Here, what led to his heart attack becomes important," he said.

Inspector Nandeesh, affiliated with KR Puram police station in Bengaluru had succumbed to a heart attack on Thursday. Kumaraswamy said that the deceased inspector's wife had alleged that the incident took place due to pressure on him. She reportedly also said that she does not want a compensatory job, but her husband back.

> I am asking the government to find out for how long the pub remained open. Who was there? How many were supporters of a political party?
>
> –HD Kumaraswamy, former CM

Nadeesh was suspended for letting a pub operate in the jurisdiction of the KR Puram police station till early in the morning. "The government itself had permitted restaurants to operate till 1 am.I am asking the government to find out for how long the pub remained open. Who was there? How many of them were supporters of a politician? There is also a report that says police officers were dancing in that pub," Kumaraswamy said.

He added, "The officers who had given Rs 70 to Rs 80 lakh for postings in Bengaluru got suspended. How would they recover their money? This is a murder by the ruling government. This case needs to be probed by a higher agency."

The government is giving plum posts to IAS officers who were trapped in raids, he further claimed.

"Can one do anything as the party high command is backing them? The probe should be taken up to ascertain what is happening in Bengaluru city," he said.

Kumaraswamy maintained that the deceased police inspector is the relative of MLC. "If they had to undergo such circumstances, what about others who do not have background? Karnataka Home Minister must answer these questions," he said.

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Infectious conditions

RT Nagar

BWSSB workers are removing human waste from potholes in front of Florence School, RT Nagar and leaving it on the road.

Pedestrian block

OMBR Layout

A BWA welcome board and cigarette shop on the footpath near AR Liquors, OMBR Layout are blocking pedestrian movement.

Pruning needed

Kithiganur

Trees need to be pruned in the Kithiganur bus stop area.

Will CSR board the bus? BMTC will check

Activists say it is good to get companies to chip in, but govt too has to be active participant in promoting public transport

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On Independence Day, rush for buses was huge as service was free

After being cash-strapped with its projects, the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) plans to approach companies to chip in from their CSR funds. Even as post-covid normalcy has returned, the corporation is yet to run all its buses.

The previous free bus services day saw a large-scale adoption of buses on a single day and managed to create awareness on a larger scale. Such initiatives can help BMTC reach its full potential but fund crunches are preventing it from carrying out such exercises. As a solution, BMTC is going to seek CSR funds.

BMTC Director (IT), AV Surya Sen told BM, "Shortly BMTC will come out with a protocol for CSR funds as we have received an income tax exemption for donation. We will be registering in the CSR government of India portal as well. Once the procedures are put in place, we intend to make an open call to the public for funds."

PUSH FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Sen added that while the free bus services day had a huge impact on ridership on a single day, they are yet to see a sustained impact. "We are yet to augment our bus schedules and the same number of bus rides. To truly understand the impact of the free bus day, we need to increase the number of buses. We are also trying to restart the discontinued bus day but we are short of funds."

Sen said that all activities with financial implications have a major impact on BMTC, so they were looking to mobilise funds before conducting such a bus promotion campaign. "We have been focused on addressing our core issues like the absence of the proper crew, insufficient buses, etc. We also need to issue ETMs, and start e-ticketing services after stabilising the core issues," added Sen.

Bus activists feel that while the move will reinvigorate the public transport sector with more private companies having a stake in its operations, the state government should not avoid its responsibility of funding public transport. "An important corporate social responsibility is bus transport and connecting CSR funds with BMTC is a welcome move. Expending CSR funds on BMTC could have a huge impact on the city. Companies could also encourage their employees to use public transport, taking private vehicles off the road. However, it cannot be ignored that without adequate financial support, BMTC must resort to such measures. The state government can at least consider taking measures like waiving taxes for financial support. As long as it does not absolve the government of funding or investing BMTC, the move is a welcome one," said Srinivas Alavilli, a prominent civic activist.

> **"Expending CSR funds on BMTC could have a huge impact on the city. Companies could also encourage their employees to use public transport** –Srinivas Alavilli, civic activist

What about job promise? Civic workers still wait

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Four months after the state government made a promise of permanent employment for civic workers (pourakarmikas), the workers have received no relief.

Nirmala, president of the BBMP Pourakarmika Association, said that when the workers across the state had staged a protest, the government had promised to provide permanent employment status to all.

"Now they are saying that only around 11,000 workers will be given permanent status across the state. We have demanded that permanent employment must be given to all the workers. If they can't, they should hike salary for all solid waste workers. But, there is still no update from the government," she told Bangalore Mirror.

Last week, All India Central Council of Trade Unions (AICCTU) also wrote a letter to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai requesting that pourakarmikas' jobs be made permanent as was by the government of Odisha recently. Maitreyi Krishnan, State committee member of AICCTU, said, "There are about 36,000 pourakarmikas in Karnataka with around 15,000 in Bengaluru. They have said that they will make only 11,000 workers permanent. Odisha government recently issued the notice that all 57,000 of their civic workers will be given permanent employment. If they can do it for such a large number, why can't our state government do the same?"

Committee formed for regularisation of jobs, but process not yet ready

For months, the workers have been seeking regular and permanent status of jobs. In July, they launched a strike that was called off after the promise. BBMP Joint commissioner, Solid waste management, Parashuram Shinnalkar said, "The committee has been formed including all the stakeholders regarding regularisation of jobs. Around 15,000 pourakarmikas employed under the DPS basis; 1,667 workers have been made permanent. A few are on contract basis. The process is yet finalised."

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'Integrity' of wordplay

Let me cut to the chase — the newly anointed British prime minister of south Asian heritage Rishi Sunak is a democratic dilemma, more so, for the fractious conservative party he said he would unite as leader, besides setting out to salvage the United Kingdom on the brink of sliding into the abyss of 'a profound economic crisis'. So, how much weight do Sunak's words hold?

We have had several decades if not centuries of 'democracy' 'flourishing' in the west, oftentimes put forth as a model for post-colonial geographies struggling to keep up with the template, such as ours now, for instance. Whatever meagre resources were left after the brutal loot by the colonisers, nevertheless.

That said, the west has now legitimised a political discourse that is imploding in its own turf — Rishi Sunak and his new cabinet are a defining case of the democratic slide in the west metamorphosing, or shapeshifting rather, by the day, to stay put in its thirst to remain in power; the Italian and Swedish swerve to the far right notwithstanding. The neoliberal bubble, dear reader, is about to burst.

The centuries-spanning timeline of democratic discourse has in fact eroded the social and political value systems of the west. It is already manifesting in the global south with mechanisms of checks and balances kept in a chokehold as the executive pillages through the pillars of democracy such as a free press, jurisprudence, bureaucracy, legislature and so forth.

Provided what is on public display in the United Kingdom at the moment, seemingly bereft of salvation or redemption given what's being done at the expense of the exchequer, that too in a developed and now stagnating major economy where citizens are seen queueing up at food banks amid skyrocketing mortgage rates, the average conservative party supporter might as well rethink and redefine the meaning of 'integrity' itself as is comfy for most politicos of our time.

That is the thing to do, you see, as words that, in earnest, symbolise honesty and sincerity in governance are thrown around at ease as though they were random images posted by a restless teenager on a social media platform.

Or shall we relegate words such as 'integrity', 'accountability' and 'compassion' as ceremonial expressions, to be used as mere embellishments during occasions of social and political ascent? Seemingly so is the case of Sunak, finally becoming the British PM — after having 'trounced by Liz Truss who lost to a lettuce', according to UK's opposition leader Keir Starmer of the labour party.

The anomalies of the Sunak premiership are manifold. Just within four hours of his appointment as

PM and a speech reiterating himself as the champion of 'integrity', 'accountability' and 'compassion', Sunak designated the disgraced Suella Braverman, also of south Asian heritage, once again as home secretary. One thought Priti Patel was the limit.

Somehow the Tories keep producing specimen after specimen of political disaster that leave the public missing the disgraced predecessor. From Brexiteer Johnson to Truss and Braverman, a pattern is emerging that is hinting at the imminent breakdown of the conservative party in Britain. Sunak's role as the person who shall bring the party together, and in the meantime, having to manage the spreadsheet of the British economy increasingly looks like a herculean task, of bleak and grim prospects. The oft-seen sly fox behaviour of the Tory politician may not suffice when stakes are significantly high and the electorate is staring at a winter of social, political and economic uncertainty — 12 years in power, with a weak centre-aligned labour party readying an ambush in a potential general election apart.

So much for integrity and accountability from Sunak that, just days ago, Braverman was ousted from the 44-day Truss cabinet as home secretary for breaching the ministerial code — 'caught leaking government documents'.

Before the echoes of Braverman's infamous rant in the house of commons in the Truss cabinet could fade, Sunak revived her position to appease the far right in the party. Sunak may appear as the Tory globalist moderate, but it was he who vowed during his lost campaign against Truss as prime ministerial contender, to deal with the 'woke nonsense'.

Perhaps Sunak and Braverman forget that it was the same 'woke nonsense' that welcomed their kin as immigrants into the United Kingdom - yes, the 'the tofu-eating, guardian-reading wokerati' who are 'anti-growth', according to Braverman.

So, before prime minister Sunak helps realise Braverman's dream of 'flying immigrants to Rwanda', perhaps, at the least, he could be conservative in his choice of words such as integrity, accountability and compassion.

The vile plan to send 'illegal' immigrants arriving in the UK, fleeing conflict zones across the world, to Rwanda, is the work of the 'inclusive' Tory cabinet, drafted partly by the children of immigrants in the United Kingdom. Sigh!

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A winding road to Kelagur organic tea estate, photo clicked from a moving car.

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A speedy train ride? Vande Bharat is here

Vande Bharat Express to be flagged off on November 11

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Bengaluru's fastest train till date -- the Vande Bharat Express -- will start from November 11.

Officials are now busy taking up efforts to improve tracks and remove speed restrictions. The South Western Railways has started inspections to improve tracks and remove speed restrictions on different stretches and is also planning to ensure that the train will run at 130 kmph or more on the route in a few months.

As speed restrictions and people crossing the tracks at suburban stations and at level crossing locations remain a hassle, SWR carried out an inspection to find out the stretches that need to be secured and enhanced in terms of tracks, signals and barricading to ensure that the Vande Bharat train can touch its maximum speed between done," said an official.

Though the rake manufactured by Integral Coach Factory (ICF) is modern and has better riding comfort than existing services, including the premium Shatabdi Express, railways may not be able to run it at average speed of more than 80-85kmph soon after the inauguration of the service.

SWR has already carried out a speed test on Chennai-Arakkonam-Renigunta section and found out that trains can touch a speed of 140 kmph without a hassle. But this was done in a controlled environment where railway personnel were deployed along the stretch to prevent people from crossing the tracks.

The Vande Bharat Express promises a luxurious and super-fast ride

According to an official, "We are in the process of carrying out a detailed project report (DPR) to check the feasibility of running trains on this route with higher speed and increase the speed further to 160 kmph. To increase the train's speed, curves need to be flattened, tracks strengthened, barricading will be done where necessary, bridges will be rehabilitated and made fit for that speed. Wherever technically feasible, automatic signalling will be put into place to reduce time lost in manual signal operations."

"Curves need to be flattened, tracks strengthened, barricading will be done where necessary, bridges will be rehabilitated and made fit for that speed – an official

PM's visit to Bengaluru

Chief Minister Basavaraj S Bommai said that PM Narendra Modi will inaugurate the second terminal of Bengaluru airport.

The PM will also unveil the statue of prosperity (108-feet tall statue of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda at airport) at a garden with reuseed water and low consumption of power.

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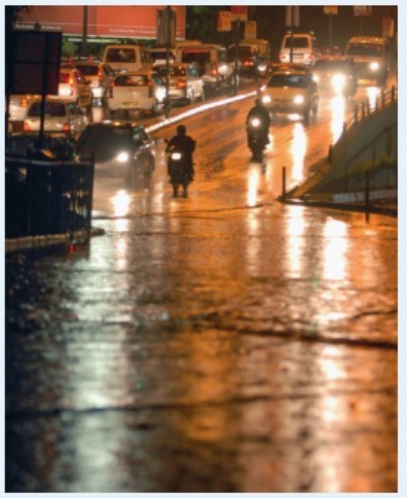

One of the oldest districts in the city, Palace Guttahalli, located in the north-west, derives its name from the famous Bangalore Palace as it is situated right next to it. The area houses lot of popular printing presses, cyber centers and tailoring shops,
The famous Jamia Masjid is located here along with temples like Dattatreya temple, Raghavendra mutt, Uttarayana temple, Muneshwara temple etc. The area is surrounded by other popular areas such as Malleshwaram, Seshadripuram, Kumarapark, Vyalikaval, Lower Palace Orchards, Sadashivnagar. Popular Sankey Tank is situated very near to the area.

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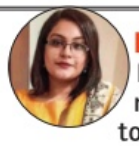
Tell us about your Deepawali celebrations

Bandita KH, Author
I celebrated Deepawali without firecrackers. Instead, decorated my home with flickering lights, diyas and rangolis. Exchanged delectable sweets & luscious cakes among friends, thereby celebrating it with full gusto.

Geetha Pillai, BM Reader
Since covid we have not taken any family trip. So this Deepawali seemed like the perfect opportunity to take some time out and go on a family trip. We decided to go to Wayanad and enjoy our holiday there.



Bidisha Sinha, BM Reader
It is my first Deepawali away from my family. So my friends decided to make it a less lonely for me and they cooked my favourite food. We are also planning to go out and check out all the new restaurants and spend time together.

Latika Hurkat, BM Reader
We bought a lot of candles and diyas and also decided to distribute food packets to the underprivileged people living near our locality and make it a happy Deepawali for as many people as possible.

Raima Bhaumik, BM Reader
I decided to use all my time to relax, cook my favourite food, pamper myself and read all the books and watch all the movies that I have added in my to do list.

Siddharth Nair, BM Reader
I made plans of going somewhere peaceful with my friends because during Deepawali, the crowd in the city is too much to handle and no area is empty. We are planning to visit Goa.

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Easing traffic in Mysuru? PRR may do the trick

The State Government has proposed constructing a Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) in Mysuru as the current Outer Ring Road around the heritage city has failed to decongest traffic entering the city. This comes after more than two decades of failed attempts by the Karnataka government to construct a Peripheral Ring Road for Bengaluru.

The proposed Mysuru PRR will be 73.25 km in length and 824 acre of land needs to be acquired. The project also needs Rs 1,236 crore for land acquisition alone and another Rs 735 crore for road development.

Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Commissioner Dinesh Kumar said said, "There are MUDA layouts, private layouts and industrial estates beyond the ORR. Mandakalli runway is being extended now. As per the Mahayojne-2031, Mysuru-Chennai Bullet Train, Mysuru-Mangaluru road upgradation will be done. Due to all these, the development of a Peripheral Ring Road is necessary."

Sources said survey details are yet to start for the PRR.

Kumar said, "The MUDA has requested the State Government to prepare a detailed project report (DPR) for developing the Peripheral Ring Road. The MUDA is also in continuous contact with the government and the tender process will be started from the first week of November."

The issue was discussed with Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari earlier on whether NHAI can

Mysuru's traffic has become worse with growing real estate

take over the PRR under the Bharat Mala Phase-2. As per the discussion, on June 22, 2022, it was decided to prepare a project report in a meeting held by the authority. As per this proposal submitted to the Government, the tender process will be started from first week of next month.

Currently, there are four to five industrial zones functioning around Mysuru including Infosys, Wipro, Asian Paints and other companies. Development of the semiconductor industry has been approved near Nanjangud. Due to this, traffic congestion may increase in the future and PRR is essential, according to the authorities.

Pay trade license fee online

You can now obtain the trade license fee online in Mysuru, without visiting Mysuru City Corporation (MCC). The MCC had recently organised an awareness camp about the simplified process of the taxpaying system for the traders and representatives of various organisations and traders can pay tax by mentioning their trade license number without visiting the office and take the print of the receipt.

In Mysuru, there are 19,000 trade license holders identified, among them, 10,500 members are under the online tax system. The remaining traders' details were also updated very soon.

However, Mysuru Traders Welfare Association President P Prashanth Gowda said, "The MCC must first clarify on what basis the trade license fee has been fixed and loopholes need to be fixed." Hotel Owners Association President Narayana Gowda said, "Corporation must reduce the tax for commercial buildings in the city."

–Prakash VL

Govt docs playing hooky, watch out!

Those bunking or entering late for work for private practice will face action, says govt

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The State Department of Health is mulling to take strong action against government doctors bunking or turning up late for official duty to take up private practice.

Dr Sudhakar said, "In a few medical colleges and hospitals, we are seeing that around 10 to 15 per cent of doctors are taking up private practice. Due to their private commitments, they are reporting late to their official duty. Though we are not against the government doctors taking up private practice, it is not right that their work in private should affect their government duty. A few of the doctors think that there is no replacement for them as it is hard to get experts for certain specialties. However, this is a wrong notion. We want to send a message to the erring doctors that all the options are kept open and we should not be forced to take up extreme steps."

According to him, they have already taken up a number of measures like introducing biometric attendance and salaries linked to punctuality. We are also introducing geo-fencing and geo-tagging for doctors. "Now, I have asked the hospital/ college heads to take punitive action against erring doctors to send a strong message," he said.

Retaining talent

The State Government is also considering providing 'overtime work' to doctors if they wish to do so. Sudhakar said that there were discussions at the government level to offer a new proposal to the doctors who take up private practice after their working hours.

> **"Steps like introducing biometric attendance, linking pay to punctuality, geo-tagging, geo-fencing have been introduced, said Dr Sudhakar**

"So, if those doctors want to continue to work beyond 4 pm at a private facility, we may give them an option to work in our medical colleges as such a provision exists under the Ayushman Bharat-Arogya Karnataka scheme. However, this is only at a discussion stage and no final decision has been arrived yet," the minister said.

In fact, private practice for government doctors has been a debatable topic for a long time. So far, 20 states in the country have banned private practice for doctors.

However, states like Karnataka, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Kerala allow private practice for doctors if it is outside their working hours. However, private practice is not allowed at the institutes affiliated to the Centre.

According to the Rule 13 of Central Health Service (CHS) Rules, 2014, "Persons appointed to CHS shall not be allowed private practice of any kind whatsoever including any consultation and laboratory practice.

"As and when any instance of private practice is brought to the notice of the government, appropriate action is taken in the matter as per rules and procedure of the government."

Critical Care courses

The State Government is planning to introduce 'Critical Care' courses in every college along with the introduction of dialysis technicians' courses.

"All the medical colleges have been asked to set up sewage and effluent treatment plants and biomedical waste needs to be scientifically disposed of.

"We need to give more thrust on research and hence the colleges and the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) will be encouraged to tie up with foreign universities and colleges so that we can encourage more of lecturers and students to present international-level presentation papers," Sudhakar added.

Shops, vehicles gutted in Hampi

SS RACHAYYA

Many shops including the Mango tree hotel were gutted in a fire accident at Hampi on Thursday night. The incident is said to have occurred at 11 45 pm on Thursday due to a cylinder blast.

The fire incident took place just 100 metre away from Virupaksha temple, one of the main attractions for tourists. Hampi police said that no one was injured in the incident. The intensity of the blast was such that a parked car, four shops and 15 cycles were completely burnt.

With tourism slowly picking up pace in in Hampi and thousands visiting the historic monuments, the incident has cast a shadow. The tourists say that as Hampi draws crowds from across the globe, it is high time the authorities stepped up the safety measures at this UNESCO world heritage site.

–BMB

Deve Gowda takes potshots at BJP, Cong

Former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, who was on Thursday re-elected as Janata Dal (Secular) chief, has emphasised the role of regional political parties and said that it isn't easy to destroy a regional party not only in Karnataka but in the entire country.

The JD-S, which is bracing up for next year's assembly polls in Karnataka, has been maintaining distance from both the BJP and Congress and is expected to announce its first list of candidates on November 1.

"Why are national political parties so scared of a regional political party? That itself shows that they are trembling. It isn't easy to destroy a regional party not only in Karnataka but in the entire country," Deve Gowda asked.

–ANI

Somewhere a subway, submerged

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They complained about a few people losing their mobile phones to some miscreants at the subway after sunset.

"I have been residing here for six years. I find it difficult to cross the road to board a bus as the authorities closed an opening that existed on the divider a few months ago. I do not want to use the subway to reach the other side of the road as it is known for water seepage and water-logging," said Lakshmikanth SV, a resident.

The residents said a few pedestrians fell down while entering the subway due to slush accumulated in the stairs. "We want our elected representatives to direct the National Highway Authority of India to either keep the subway in a good condition or construct a skywalk for the benefit of the thousands of people who frequent the area.

We can't expect the authorities to provide security at the subway as it may not be viable

for them but they can afford to fix this problem (seepage of water) permanently," said a resident.

Meanwhile, Neraluru gram panchayat president Bharathi said she has already informed the National Highway Authority of India about the pathetic condition of the subway near Yadavanahalli which comes under Neraluru gram panchayat jurisdiction.

"I have also appealed to Anekal MLA B Shivanna to direct the National Highway Authority of India to construct a skywalk as the subway is unfit for pedestrians," said Bharathi.

When informed, Anekal MLA B Shivanna said that he was aware of the issue. "I was under the impression that people of Yadavanahalli are using the subway to reach the other side of the road without any hassle. I came to know about the condition of the subway recently when the village panchayat president and a few residents brought the conditions at the subway to my notice.

I will discuss with the authorities concerned to fix this problem on a permanent basis," the MLA told BM.

Will the elected representatives honour their commitments to the hapless residents of Yadavanahalli? The residents have to wait and watch.

Auto unions to launch app

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"At least, the apps show a fixed price which is usually reasonable these days. On the other hand, the local auto drivers ask for anything between Rs 150-200 for just 3-km rides at times. They say as it is rush hour, they will charge extra and cite similar reasons," said Ramya V, a resident of Jayanagar.

Recently, after a tussle between private cab aggregators and the state transport department, app based cab aggregators slashed the minimum fare to Rs 35 for auto-rickshaws which earlier used to be somewhere around Rs 100. Commuters are hoping the same will be complied by auto drivers in the city.

Recently, traffic cops in some areas of the city, dressed up as regular commuters to catch and book cases against overcharging auto drivers. On the other hand, local auto unions are reportedly all set to launch their own app against the services of Ola, Uber and Rapido. The app called 'Namma Yatri' is said to be launched within a month.

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Musk's Twitter must comply with new rules

Rules and laws for intermediaries remain the same regardless of who owns the platforms, reiterates minister after takeover

#NEW DELHI

Elon Musk's takeover of Twitter Inc will not change India's expectation that it must comply with the country's existing and upcoming new IT rules which will be published within days, a government minister told Reuters on Friday.

Over the past two years, Indian authorities have asked Twitter to act on content such as accounts supportive of an independent Sikh state, posts alleged to have spread misinformation about protests by farmers, and tweets critical of the government's handling of the covid-19 pandemic.

"Our rules and laws for intermediaries remain the same regardless of who owns the platforms," said Rajeev Chandrasekhar, India's minister of state for electronics and information technology. "So, the expectation of compliance with Indian laws and rules remains."

In July, Twitter had asked an Indian court to overturn some government orders to remove content from the platform.

Chandrasekhar said India's amended IT rules would be released on Friday or Saturday after months of consultation. He did not respond directly to a question about the banning of individuals from Twitter, such as Bollywood actress Kangana Ranaut.

Elon Musk took ownership of Twitter Inc on Friday and the self-described free speech absolutist has said his desire is to see the company have fewer limits on content that can be posted on the influential social media platform.

A view of the Twitter logo at its corporate headquarters in San Francisco

Ranaut, an ardent supporter of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, had her Twitter account banned for violating its rules on hateful conduct and abusive behaviour when in May last year she urged Modi to resort to gangster tactics to "tame" one of his political rivals.

The actress, who has won several top acting awards in India, shared requests from users who appealed to Musk to restore her Twitter account.

Ranaut and her team did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Friday. She had responded to the ban last year as white Americans trying to "enslave a brown person". **– Reuters**

All hail the god of free speech

#Dallas

Mere hours after Elon Musk kicked off a new era at Twitter Inc, the billionaire owner was deluged with pleas and demands from banned account holders and world leaders.

The flood of requests underscore the challenge the CEO of electric car maker Tesla Inc faces, balancing a promise to restore free speech while preventing the platform from descending into a "hellscape," as he had vowed in an open letter to advertisers on Thursday.

Former US President Donald Trump, who was permanently banned from Twitter over accusations of inciting violence after the Jan. 6, 2021 capitol riots, welcomed the takeover, but said little about a return to Twitter. "I am very happy that Twitter is now in sane hands, and will no longer be run by Radical Left Lunatics and Maniacs who truly hate our country."

Dmitry Medvedev, former Russia president and current deputy chairman of Russia's Security Council tweeted his congratulations: "Good luck @elonmusk in overcoming political bias and ideological dictatorship on Twitter. And quit that Starlink in Ukraine business."

Others asked Musk to reverse penalties inflicted by the social media platform. In response to @catturd2, an anonymous account with 852,000 followers, known

for being a big supporter of Trump's election fraud claims, and who said it was "shadowbanned," Musk tweeted "I will be digging in more today."

The pressure is mounting on Musk and Twitter as he is set to address the Twitter staff on Friday after closing the deal. "Hey @ElonMusk, now that you own Twitter, will you help fight back against Trudeau's online censorship bill C-11?" tweeted Canada Proud, an organization working to vote out Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

"First I've heard," Musk responded in a tweet on Friday.

Musk has not offered details on how he will achieve all this and who will run the company. He has said he plans to cut jobs, leaving Twitter's 7,500 employees fretting about their future. He also said on Thursday he did not buy Twitter to make more money but "to try to help humanity, whom I love."

Musk tried to calm Twitter employee fears that major layoffs are coming and assured advertisers that his past criticism of Twitter's content moderation rules would not harm its appeal.

Fewer that 10% of 266 Twitter employees who participated in a poll on messaging app Blind expected to still have their jobs in three months. Blind allows employees to air grievances anonymously after they sign up with corporate emails.

Musk fired Twitter Chief Executive Parag Agrawal, Chief Financial Officer Ned Segal and legal affairs and policy chief Vijaya Gadde, according to people familiar with the matter. He had accused them of misleading him and Twitter investors over the number of fake accounts on the platform. Agrawal and Segal were in Twitter's San Francisco headquarters when the deal closed and were escorted out, the sources added.

Musk, who also runs rocket company SpaceX, plans to become Twitter's interim CEO, according to a person familiar with the matter. Musk also plans to scrap permanent bans on users, Bloomberg said, citing a person familiar with the matter.

Twitter, Musk and the executives did not respond to requests for comment.

– Sheila Dang, Reuters

Govt panel to hear SocMed content moderation plaints

#New Delhi

The government on Friday notified rules under which it will set up appellate panels to redress grievances that users may have against decisions of social media platforms like Twitter and Facebook on hosting contentious content.

The three-member Grievance Appellate Committee(s) will be set in three months, a gazette notification issued by MeitY (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology) said.

The government has, in the new rules, added objectionable religious content (with intent to incite violence) alongside pornography, trademark infringements, fake information and something that could be a threat to sovereignty of the nation that users can flag to social media platforms. Their decisions on such flaggings can be challenged in the grievance committees.

While big tech companies had been advocating self-regulation, the government seems to have taken a view that users' concerns about content on social media platforms need to be addressed by a grievance appellate body.

The government had, in February 2021, notified IT rules that provided for social media platforms to appoint a grievance officer. Users at the first stage flag complaints against content or another user, to the grievance officer.

The rules have now been amended through the Friday's notification to strengthen grievance redressal mechanism.

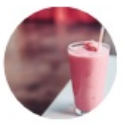
The amendments provide for social media platforms to acknowledge user complaints within 24 hours, and resolve them within 15 days thereafter.

The complaints could range from child sexual abuse material to nudity to trademark and patent infringements, misinformation, impersonation of another person, content threatening the unity and integrity of the country as well as "obectionable" content that promotes "enmity between different groups on the grounds of religion or caste with the intent to incite violence".

The rules provide for social media platforms to take down certain contentious content within 72 hours of reporting.

The appellate committees will be able to review content moderation and other decisions by social media companies such as Meta and Twitter. "The central government shall, by notification, establish one or more grievance appellate committees within three months from the date of commencement of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Amendment Rules, 2022," the notification said. Each grievance appellate committee will consist of a chairperson and two whole-time members appointed by the central government. **– PTI**

HEALTH TIP: About three-quarters of the salt you eat is already in the food when you buy it, such as breakfast cereals, soups, breads and sauces



Your combined total of drinks from fruit juice, vegetable juice and smoothies should not be more than 150ml a day, which is a small glass

PROTECT YOUR HAIRLINE

It is a misconception that only men suffer from receding hairline. Here's how you can deal with it

About 100,000 hairs sprout from follicles beneath the skin's surface on the average person's scalp. These hairs fall off eventually, only to be replaced by new hairs. Every day, you may lose dozens of hairs. A receding hairline can occur if hair follicles are damaged or if there is a medical reason that disrupts the growth cycle. On that note, it is not just men who suffer from a receding hairline. It occurs to people irrespective of their gender. If you're worried about this recent development on your scalp, because you don't know what to do, just relax a little! We've got your back.

Scalp Massage

Scalp massage is the most extensively used technique for increasing blood circulation in the scalp. A healthy blood circulation stimulates hair follicles, resulting in greater hair growth. Oil is commonly used for massaging, but it may also be done with bare finger tips or even while washing your hair. This handy method of treating your hair may fit into your busy schedule and will undoubtedly relax you! A daily massage of 10 to 15 minutes will keep your hairline from receding.

Cosmetic Shampoo

It's no secret that using haircare products with added chemicals can cause more harm than good, and to an extent, this is true. However, there are a few exceptions in the large range of cosmetic shampoo that serve to improve the health of your hair. Hair loss is caused by dihydrotestosterone (DHT), a hormone that blocks the receptors on the scalp. But don't panic; utilising a DHT blocker shampoo will take care of your issues. Ketoconazole-infused shampoos are also available to help! The secret ingredient promotes hair development and adds volume to your hair. D consult your dermatologist before trying any chemical based shampoos.

Onion Juice

Onion juice, which is rich in sulphur and potassium, has been shown to prevent and treat hair loss. Onion juice applied to the scalp has been shown to strengthen hair at the roots and reduce breakage. It promotes hair growth by maintaining a healthy PH of the scalp.

Essential Oils

Essential oils are used for a variety of purposes, and one of the most common is their potential to stop hair loss. Extracts of peppermint, lavender, and rosemary essential oils have been shown to stimulate hair follicles, prevent breakage, and promote growth. Using essential oils combined with a carrier oil, such as coconut oil, jojoba oil, or olive oil, and massaging them into your scalp once or twice weekly can have a remarkable effect.

Diet

We cannot ignore the conventional fact that "you are what you eat." As a result, a healthy hair diet is recommended. A protein-rich diet rich in antioxidants, vitamins, and minerals is said to work miracles, as antioxidants combat oxidative stress. Oxidative stress, which is caused by various factors such as pollution, anxiety, or harsh sunshine, reduces the body's ability to detoxify and has an influence on our hair follicles. As a result, healthy meals and snacks containing nuts and berries can help your hair and health!

—Kayalvizhi Arivalan (Femina)

MIRRORLIGHTS

Get the look: Siren eyes!

If there's one trend that's currently doing the rounds in beauty circles, it's siren eyes. From Bella Hadid to Rihanna, most trendsetters across the globe are obsessed with the trend and for all the right reasons.

Popularised by video content app Tiktok, the siren eyes trend basically entails a makeup look comprising of a smoky eye that accentuates the eyes and adds a touch of dark femininity. Coined by makeup artist Danielle Marcan, the phrase is inspired by the Greek mythological figure, Siren, who, according to legend, would lure and enchant sailors to their death with songs.

The trend isn't new as it has been seen on the silver screen

quite a few times by actresses. Selina Kyle, Veronica Lake, Zendaya, Alexa Demie, and Lily Rose-Depp are a few celebrities who sported the trend recently on the red carpet.

The look itself is quite easy to create as the entire point is to elongate the eyes with a jet black liner by making flicks on the inner and outer corners of the eyes. To achieve this fierce feline appearance, you need to make this technique more suited to your makeup style or eye shape by adding shadows and lines where they are best suited. It's a great way to switch it up and make your day-to-day makeup style more sultry and experimental. A pro tip would be to keep cotton swabs and micellar water handy to correct any mistakes or smooth out any lines.

All in all, this style of makeup has been described as an upgraded version of the fox eye and cat eye makeup looks. This blend of eye shadow and eyeliner, which is also known as Bella Hadid's signature look, works on the basis of knowing how to alter the technique according to your own eye shape. There are various different ways to attempt this look, which is the complete opposite of trending techniques like the no makeup or clean girl makeup look, all you need to do is just have fun and play around with it.

—Mehak Sirohi (Femina)

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a man in my early 40s and feel under so much pressure at work and at home. In the office, despite working hard I'm overlooked for promotion. To be honest, I'd love to just walk away, but I can't because I have a big mortgage and a family, and my wife hasn't worked since our youngest, who's four, was born. I don't feel I can talk to her about how I feel because she'll just panic and start shouting that I have to keep my job until I find another one. I know it'll end up in a huge row because I'll resort to saying she should find a job and she'll say she has to be at home for the kids. I feel like I'm dealing with this on my own and get no support from her. Any ideas on how I can get through to her?

COLEEN SAYS

You have to talk to your wife and it doesn't have to be confrontational or angry. Find a time when the kids aren't around and tell her you need to have a conversation. Just start by explaining how stressed you are at work and you're struggling to know what to do about it. Open a dialogue.

She can't stick her head in the sand. Married couples go through hardships together and making it your problem, is not the answer. If she kicks up a row, stay calm and explain that it's important to work this out for the benefit of the family. What can she do to help? Could your wife return to work even part-time? You need to be a team – it's unfair for you to absorb all the worry. And if you can't get over this hurdle, then perhaps counselling is the way forward.

I get that she'll be worried if you hand in your notice, , but maybe she could provide support and encouragement so you can look for something else while you're still working. I also think you should make your boss aware of how suggest back it'll a row you're feeling.

–Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

 # Superstarry divorce
Tom Brady and Gisele Bündchen have finalized their divorce, they each announced Friday, ending the 13-year marriage between two superstars who respectively reached the pinnacles of fashion and football

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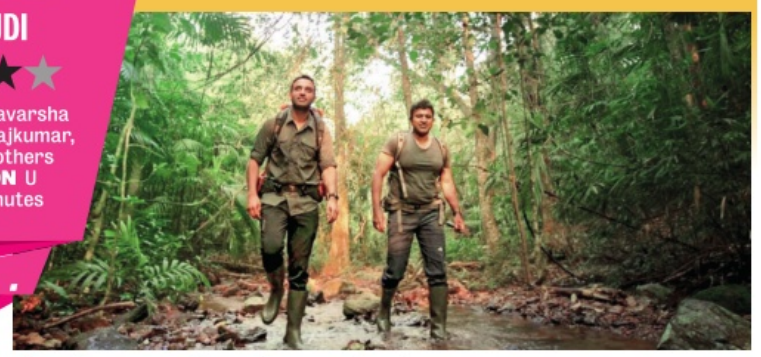
A lived experience

GANDHADA GUDI
4.0 RATING ★★★★★
- **DIRECTOR** Amoghavarsha
- **ACTORS** Puneeth Rajkumar, Amoghavarsha and others
- **CERTIFICATION** U
- **Duration** 96 minutes



The movie begins with Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar telling us about her view on Gandhada Gudi. The movie has an incredible ability to transport you from one place to another other in Karnataka that is known as Gandhada Gudi. It is about a journey of Puneeth Rajkumar along with director Amoghavarsha that began on October 29, 2020. The journey covers most of the important places in the state such as Nagarhole, Gajanur, BRT Tiger Reserve, Netrani Island, Malenadu and Vijayanagara.

Amoghavarsha explains to Puneeth Rajkumar about the importance of Nagarahole and Western Ghats and how they become home for a variety of species and wild animals. It is a treat to watch Puneeth Rajkumar listening to Amoghavarsha

with a lot of curiosity. His dialogue – I am quite certain – and body language after watching a snake catcher rescuing a huge cobra and releasing it in a forest will make the audience giggle for a while. He tells Amoghavarsha how he struggled with a live snake around his neck while acting in the Kannada movie Bhakta Prahalada that was released in 1983. Later, he conveys a message to the audiences to let the snake catchers know if they come across snakes at their localities or homes.

At Gajanur, Puneeth explains how his father Dr Rajkumar used to visit his hometown Gajanur once in a year and how he would spend time near the huge banyan tree.

The audiences will be awestruck by two different incidents – one is about how Puneeth has fans among the forest watchers and the other one about a hamlet where around 50 families reside. The residents, including children, do not know much about Kannada movies and actors. Puneeth's scuba diving skills are a treat to watch. While swimming under water, Puneeth picks up plastic and advises people to throw plastic only at designated places to preserve the environment. While pitching a tent in the forest, he recalls how he put up a tent in the front yard of his residence to spend a night in the tent. And finally, the journey ends with Puneeth offering pooja to the almighty and seeking blessings for the people of Karnataka.

Puneeth Rajkumar is at his best. His narration style and reactions to the unexpected situations during the journey are worth watching. Throughout the documentary, Puneeth remains humble and humane.

Director Amoghavarsha deserves a pat on the back for convincing Puneeth Rajkumar to act in this documentary that showcases important places in Karnataka.

Cinematographer Pratheek Shetty has done an excellent job behind the camera. Music by B Ajaneesh Loknath is good.

Gandhada Gudi is worth a watch for those who want to know about the important places of Karnataka. This film will actually take you there. **—Y Maheswara Reddy**

WHY KIARA LET THIS ONE PASS

Find out why actress opted out of Ashutosh Gowariker's upcoming film

Kiara Advani is currently on a roll with some very interesting projects up her sleeves. The actress was also a part of Ashutosh Gowariker's upcoming film, 'Karram Kurram', until she recently backed out.

Kiara has opted out of 'Karram Kurram' reportedly because she felt the film lacked commercial appeal. The actress thinks that it will not be a perfect fit for her. So far, the announcement of Kiara backing out has not been made official, but they will definitely announce a new lead once locked, a report in Bollywood Hungama stated.

The film will follow the success story of a popular papad brand that would be helmed by Glenn Baretto and Ankush Mohla. Kiara Advani was reportedly roped in to play a prominent part in the film.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Kiara will next be seen in 'Govinda Naam Mera' with Vicky Kaushal and Bhumi Pednekar. The actress has also started shooting for 'SatyaPrem Ki Katha' where she will be reuniting with her 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2' co-star Kartik Aaryan.

Apart from these, Kiara is also a part of the Telugu film RC15 and the Hindi remake of 'Anniyan' co-starring Ranveer Singh."

—ETimes

Girls just wanna have fun

In an industry stifled with cut-throat competition and the desire to succeed no matter what, it is heartwarming to see three leading ladies being pally with each other and pushing each other to do better in all spheres of life.

Deepika, Katrina and Alia might have Ranbir Kapoor as a common connection, with Deepika and Katrina dating him in the past and Alia married to him, but they are so much more than that. They are friends and that camaraderie is evident when they share pics and speak highly of each other.

Recently, Deepika shared a fun video from her gym where she could be seen doing an aerial Yoga exercise in what resembled a hammock and Katrina recording her. She captioned the post as "Me working really hard in the gym! Meanwhile @katrinakaif upto no good (filming) me…"

Katrina has now commented on the post saying that "We need two hammocks" implying that then, she too could join Deepika.

Alia Bhatt also went ahead and liked the post, showing that all's well with the trio and they have all moved on in life. **— ETimes**

Her & his shirt

Priyanka Chopra just loves to steal her husband Nick Jonas' clothes for her outings and her fans always love it when she does. The actress borrowed one of his shirts recently once again and the internet just can't keep calm!

Priyanka's fan club on Instagram shared a picture of the actress where she is seen donning a mustard half-sleeve shirt with black abstract prints and intricate mirror detailing which she paired with a crop top and black pants. They also shared a picture of Nick wearing the same shirt on some other occasion.

As soon as the picture was shared, likes and comments flooded in from directions. While one of their fans wrote, 'The accuracy Marriage = wearing/stealing husband clothes and take photos with it', another one added, 'A family that stays and prays together shares clothes too'.

— ETimes

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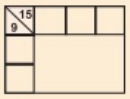
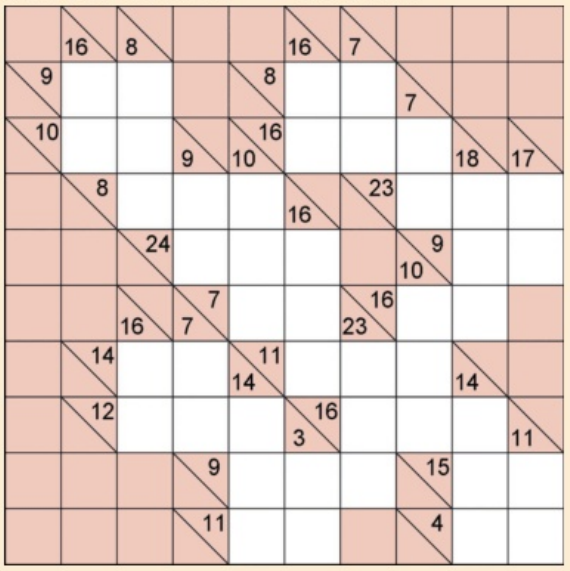
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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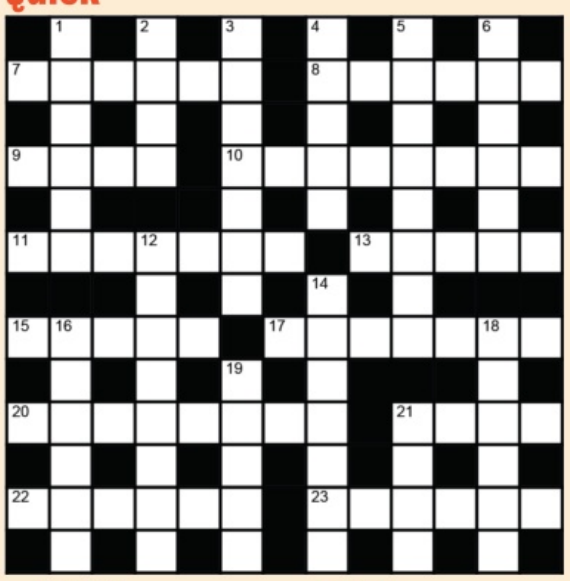


ACROSS

7 European language (6)
8 Dried grape (6)
9 Cambodia's neighbour (4)
10 Sons and Lovers author D. H. ____ (8)
11 Egyptian king (7)
13 Thin strands (5)
15 Adversary (5)
17 Disinclined to put in any hard labour? (4,3)
20 Arabian sheikdom (3,5)
21 Adolescent (4)
22 Even or well-arranged folds in a dress (6)
23 The Sandman author (6)

DOWN

1 Deliver a sermon (6)
2 Writing liquids (4)
3 Big Bang Theory's ____ Cooper (7)
4 Sketches (5)
5 Humorous verse (8)
6 Minor difficulty (6)
12 Therapeutic, curative (8)
14 Greenery (7)
16 A cricket sundry (2-4)
18 Donkey's bray (6)
19 Garden flower (5)
21 Popular pub in Indira Nagar (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: T EQUALS D

MHDBXFWKK THWKF'M XENW MH IHGW LF E ALFKMSLAWT KDLM.

Linemaro

Is your Dad an art thief? Because you' re a masterpiece.

Mindchow

A dog is not a good dog because he barks well. A man is not a good man because he talks well.

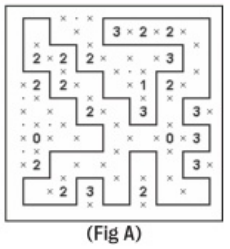
Joke of the day

Be nice to your kids. They'll choose your old age home.

Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



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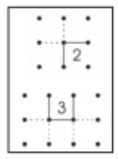


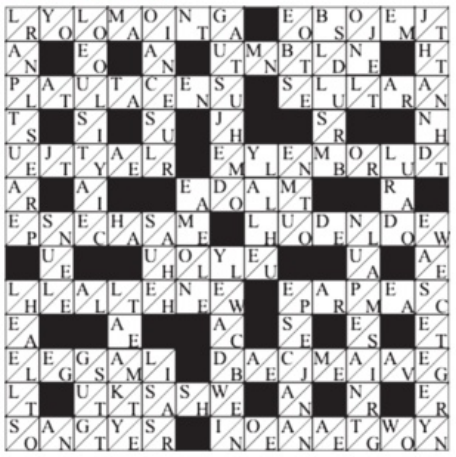
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				Y
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

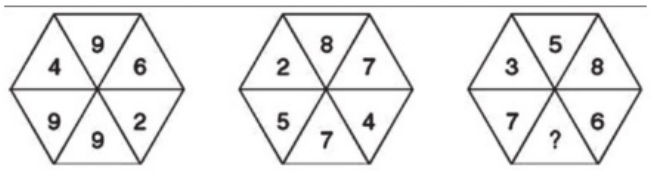
1 Daded; 6 Rev NY; 7 Organ; 8 Do ere; 9 Slope

DOWN

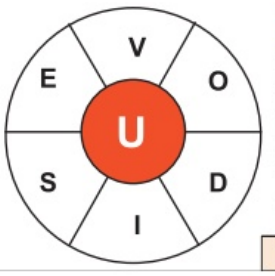
1 Angle; 2 Order; 3 Do Pro; 4 Ed Eva; 5 Snyde

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

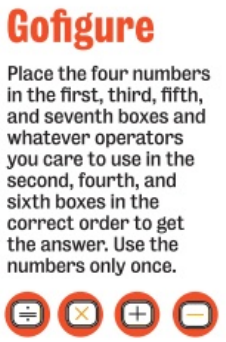
SudokuChallenge

2			8		3			1
				4				
6	8						7	4
7	2		5		9		1	6
		1				7		
4	5		7		2		9	3
3	4						8	5
				3				
9			4		6			7

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

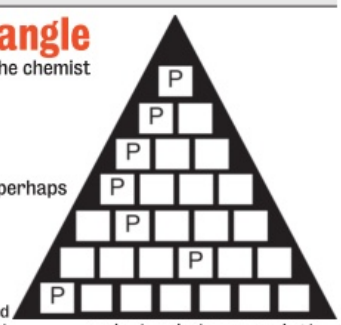
Differences: 1. Arm is raised. 2. Poster is smaller. 3. Weight is missing. 4. Cap is reversed. 5. Line in sidewalk is moved. 6. Leg is moved.

Riddler

You use me when you want to cook For friends or family. But, whether written down or not, It's best you stick to me. What am I?

Alpha triangle

1 Phosphorus for the chemist
2 [22/7]
3 Grenade part
4 Scotch or jack
5 Part of a book
6 Hidden shooter
7 Palace dwellers, perhaps



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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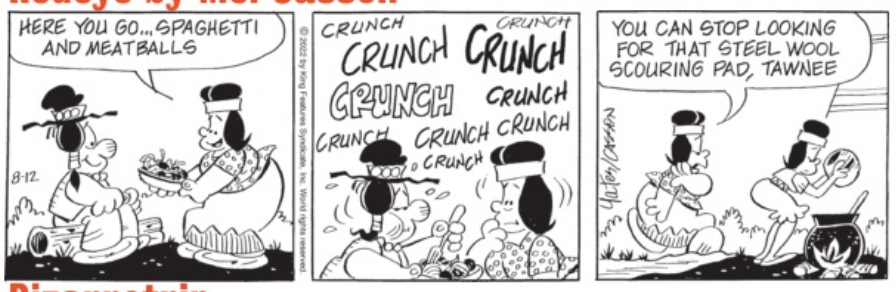

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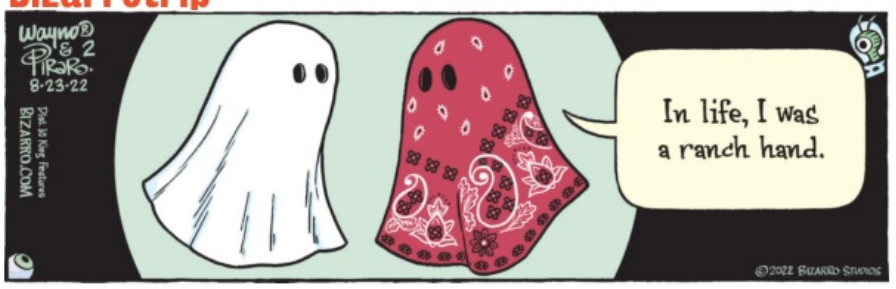

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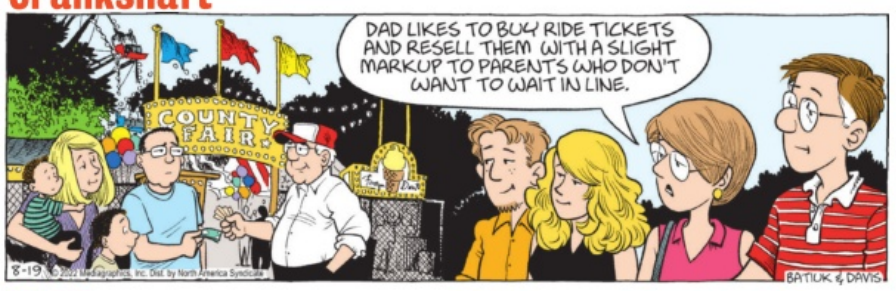
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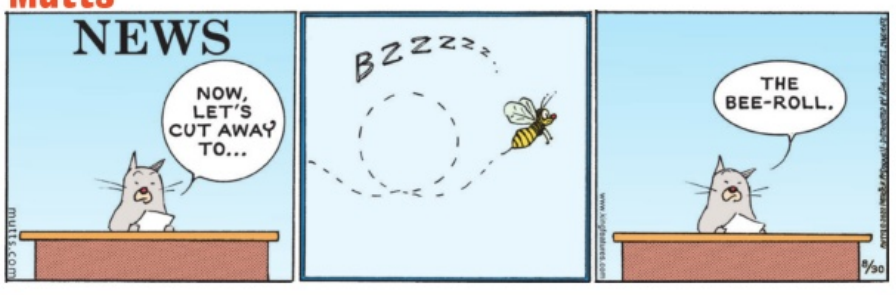

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may feel dull. You may also have some health issues which are likely to affect your day-to-day work. You find yourself under a mysterious fear which can make you sensitive and emotional. You are advised to avoid rash driving and adventure tours. You are also drawn to the occult. You are advised to visit some spiritual place, chant mantras, or say prayers.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may not be able to enjoy your work or family life. You are advised to avoid arrogance and ego with your spouse, otherwise it may affect your emotional bonding. Problems in partnerships are likely to be resolved. Singles are advised to avoid hurrying before making decisions related to marriage. With the help of patience, you may come out of a messy situation.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today is not a good day for you. You may be a victim of negative thoughts. You may be impatient and your arrogance may push you back from making tough decisions. Your life seems to stop somewhere. You may be in need of blessing from your elders, which are likely to help you come back from messy situations. You should avoid investments in dead assets.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may enjoy it with your family. You may spend some romantic moments with your spouse, which may boost your understanding. You are likely to spend money on buying some artefacts or household items to renovate your house. You may enjoy parties and events. You are advised to read documents carefully before making any investments in fixed assets.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may be able to implement business plans successfully with support of your subordinates. You may be involved in some social or family get together, which may boost your network. You are likely to go for short business-related travels, which may give you benefits in the near future.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, at the start of the day, you may not be focused towards your work, but with the help of your elders, you may be able to control this messy situation. You may easily find resources that might be important for the completion of a project. Your sources of income are likely to be increased. Your losses may be converted to profits, which may boost your financial health.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may feel happy and energetic. You may explore and analyse yourself, which may give you confidence. You are likely to be able to face any type of challenge, which can make you fearless and courageous. You are advised to keep patience while taking some financial decisions in business. Lovebirds may enjoy happy moments.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today is a good day and your financial health is likely to be good. You may get benefits from your past investments. You may have control over your expenditure on worthless items, which may boost your savings. Love birds are advised to be polite in conversation with their partner, otherwise there may be conflicts between them.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may expect a big order from a new client, which will increase your liquidity in business. You are likely to meet some influential person who may help you grow your business. Your bonding with your boss may become strong. You may expect some promotions because of your hard work. your prestige may be increased now.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today is a good day for you. Your enthusiasm may be at its peak, and you need to control it. Self-analysis may help you get confidence, which may increase your prestige in society. You will resolve many problems with the help of your communication skills. Investors are advised to avoid speculation before making investments. You may also plan for higher studies for a good career.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may be busy with issues related to siblings and relatives. You may plan to start some new venture with the help of your siblings and network. You are likely to get an order which may grow your family business. Your network may help you to complete your task successfully. There may be some smart gains after little effort.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you are blessed by your elders, which may provide patience in your thought process. You are likely to be happy and calm. You may plan to visit some spiritual place to seek peace of mind. You may also donate some amount to charity. There may be some chances for overseas travel.

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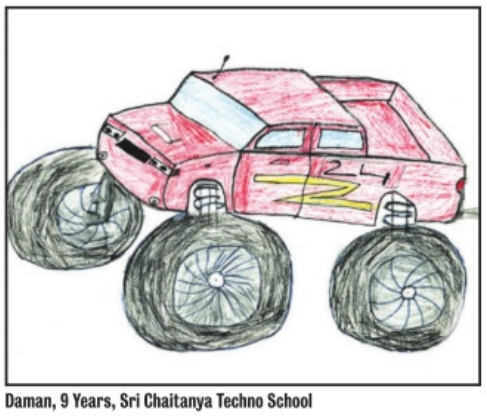

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
= √9 ×√25 = 3× 5 = 15
= 9^1/2 × 25^1/2

BULL'S EYE
DEVIOUS, douse, sued, used

STRIKE OUT

R	O	O	M	I	N	G
A	O	N	U	M	B	L
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T	I	I	U	H	R	R
U	T	T	E	R	E	Y
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FAST FIVE

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RIDDLER Recipe

QUOTE UNCODE
Toughness doesn't have to come in a pinstriped suit.

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E	R	O	D	E
G	R	O	A	N
N	E	R	V	Y
A	D	D	E	D

QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
1: the number formed at the top is half of the number formed at the bottom, ie 358 × 2 = 716

SUDOKU

2	7	4	8	9	3	5	6	1
1	3	5	6	4	7	9	2	8
6	8	9	1	2	5	3	7	4
7	2	3	5	8	9	4	1	6
8	9	1	3	6	4	7	5	2
4	5	6	7	1	2	8	9	3
3	4	2	9	7	1	6	8	5
5	6	7	2	3	8	1	4	9
9	1	8	4	5	6	2	3	7

ALPHA TRIANGLE
P, Pl, Pin, Pine, Spine, Sniper, Princes.

GO FIGURE
Easy
2 + 6 + 2 − 9 = 1
Medium
5 − 4 x 2 x 7 = 14
Hard
2 + 2 x 7 − 7 = 21

LOOP

KAKURO

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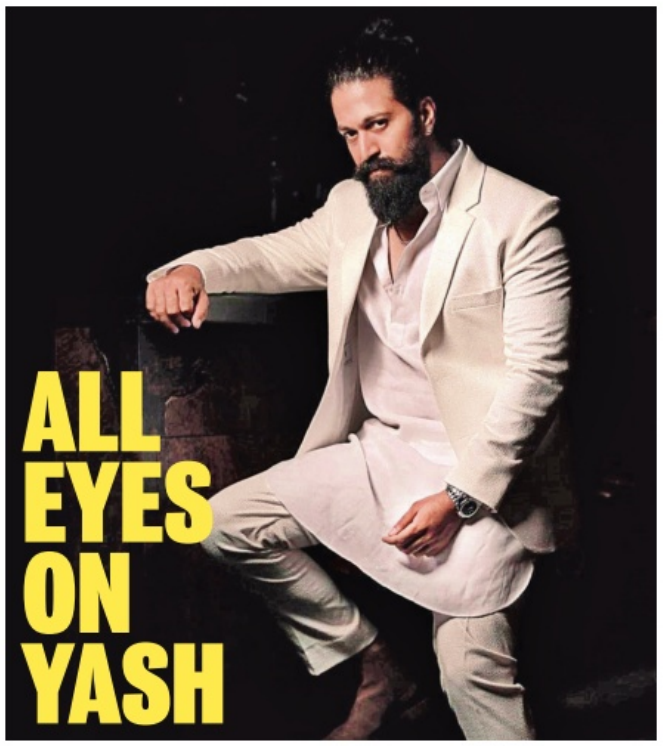

ALL EYES ON YASH

After the super success of 'KGF: Chapter One' and 'KGF: Chapter 2', Kannada actor Yash has become a household name in the film industry. The films did record-breaking business at the box office across the country. Needless to say, many filmmakers are keen to get him on board for their projects.

If the latest reports are anything to go by, Yash has been approached by the makers of Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor's latest hit, 'Brahmastra' to play the role of Dev in the second instalment of the movie. Those who have seen the first part will agree that Dev is one of the most powerful characters in the series.

Various other names like Ranveer Singh and Hrithik Roshan have also been doing the rounds in the media. The makers are yet to confirm any of the speculations.

Not only 'Brahmastra', but Excel Entertainment and ROMP are also keen on getting Yash on board for 'Karna' which is reportedly going to be a mythological epic based on Mahabharata. Yash has been approached to play the titular role in the two-part epic saga, a report in Pinkvilla stated.

While Yash has been approached for both projects, he has not given a go-ahead to either of them. Like every other project, this one is too on the list of the post KGF offers and he is expected to make up his mind by January 2023 i.e., his birthday.

The Ayan Mukerji directorial also featured actors like Amitabh Bachchan, Nagarjuna Akkineni, Mouni Roy and Dimple Kapadia. Shah Rukh Khan also played a special cameo in the movie.

—ETimes

Stars on board 'Black Rabbit'

Hollywood stars Jason Bateman and Jude Law are set to develop "Black Rabbit" limited series for Netflix as executive producers.

The duo will also star in the one-hour show.

According to entertainment website Variety, Zach Baylin and Kate Susman will write the series.

Bateman will produce "Black Rabbit" via his and Michael Costigan's Aggregate Films along with Law and Ben Jackson's Riff Raff Entertainment and Baylin and Susman's Youngblood Pictures.

Details about the plot are currently under wraps.

Bateman has previously starred in Netflix's "Ozark" series, which concluded in April this year. He is also executive producing "Florida Man" for the streamer.

PTI

Emma on intimate scenes

English actress Emma Corrin, who is awaiting the release of her movie 'My Policeman', recently opened up about the importance of intimate scenes in the film. The film, which also stars Harry Styles (Tom) and David Dawson, sees Emma playing the role of Tom's wife, Marion.

Talking about the intimate scenes and how they helped to move the narrative forward, Emma said, "When Tom and Marion are first intimate together, it's almost heartbreaking in the sense that, although they're physically close to each other, they're so far apart. I think it's one of the first times she realises there's something quite significant missing from their relationship. You feel that and feel for her, and that's very powerful."

The film is set in 1957 Britain when homosexuality was taboo. It tells the story of a married man falling in love with his best friend. But the 'many' intimate scenes in the film have created a buzz. **IANS**

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